

Eco Team Work Session Agenda – November 1-2, 2005

DEQ Northwest Region Office, 1st floor, room 1A
2020 SW 4th Ave., Portland, OR 97201

Tuesday, November 1

9:50 Arrive and settle in

10:00 Review the meeting agenda and what we need to accomplish – *Mikell*

10:10 Continue discussions of the **ERA approach** – *All*

Expected outcome:

- Prior to our meeting, review the list below of priority areas where we need to be more directive to the LWG about the ERA approach, and note your comments on the approach you think we should take.
 - Approach for developing BSAFs for clams, crayfish and sculpin
 - Approach for assessing risk to the benthic community
 - Approach for assessing risk in the riparian area – as part of this, we will confirm our definition of the riparian area and agree on how the area should be assessed
 - Scale of the ERA
- During our meeting, we will discuss the LWG's proposed approach for assessing each of the items noted above, agree on whether the proposed approach is adequate, and if it's not adequate, develop direction on how the item should be assessed. Our direction should be consistent with what we've said in the revised Assessment Endpoint Table and in the Data Needs Table we created, and it should include clear justification to explain our rationale. The level of specificity in our direction will likely vary for each area noted above, and that's fine. Our goal is to provide whatever level of direction we're comfortable with at this point, with clear justification to the LWG. We may identify needs for follow-up research by Parametrix or others as well.
- In addition, we will identify other areas of the approach for which we need to be directive to the LWG, and discuss them at this meeting or at a future work session.

(will include a 30-45 minute lunch break)

2:00 Approach for **assessing sturgeon, Chinook and lamprey**

Expected outcome:

- Prior to our meeting, review pages 5-6 of the October 24-25 Eco Team meeting notes on where we left off with regard to assessing sturgeon, Chinook and lamprey.
- Discuss and agree as a group on how sturgeon will be assessed.
- Discuss and agree as a group on whether adult Chinook will be added to the Eco CSM, and if so, (1) provide clear justification for adding them, and (2) clarify what this means for how adult Chinook will be assessed.
- Discuss and agree on how we want to move forward with resolving questions about how to assess lamprey, and consider timing related to the Eco Team's direction to the LWG in early/mid-November.

4:00 Review and agree on **management objectives to guide the ERA** – *All*

At our October 24-25 meeting, we agreed that clear management goals/objectives guiding the ERA could be beneficial. The Team wanted to review management goals/objectives from other sites along with any guidance in existing PH documents (RAOs in the AOC Scope of Work) related to what we're trying to accomplish. With this information, the Team would decide whether management goals/objectives were needed for the PH ERA, and if so, what they should be.

Expected outcome:

- Prior to the meeting, review the management goals/objectives from other sites along with PH RAOs and any other guidance related to ERA objectives (see email Chris's 10/28/05 email).

In addition, review pages 1-2 of the October 24-25 Eco Team meeting notes on why we feel management objectives would be helpful.

- At the meeting, we will discuss and agree on whether we think management objectives are needed to guide the ERA. If we agree that they are needed, we will formulate those objectives together, or agree to delegate this to a subgroup.

5:00 Adjourn for the day

Wednesday, November 2

7:50 Arrive and settle in

8:00 Review today's meeting agenda and what we need to accomplish – *Mikell*

8:10 Continue discussion of **management objectives** (if needed) – *All*

9:00 Begin **prioritizing data needs**

The purpose of prioritizing the data needs we identified is to determine which data gaps we will take forward to the LWG. All of the data gaps we take forward to the LWG will be ones we think need to be filled, even if some are contingent on additional sampling or analysis that is planned for the coming months.

Expected outcome:

- Prior to our meeting, review the attached Data Needs Table (which incorporates Jeremy's edits) and note your comments on whether each data need falls into category 1, 2 or 3 as defined below.
 1. We consider Category 1 data needs **essential** to an adequate RI and ERA. They represent data that will reduce our uncertainty in key areas, and they directly relate to developing clean up levels for the site that meet our RAOs. These data gaps must be filled during the RI/FS. *Compelling justification is needed.*
 2. We consider Category 2 data needs **essential** to an adequate RI and ERA, **but they may be contingent** on additional sampling or evaluation of other information. *Compelling justification is needed, including explanation of the contingency.*
 3. Category 3 data needs are ones that would be nice to have, but **are not essential** to an adequate RI and ERA. Given the 2008 timeline and our higher priority data needs, we agree that these data gaps do not need to be collected during the RI/FS. *Justification could still be helpful in seeking this data during the RD/RA phase, after the 2008 ROD.*
- Begin prioritizing the Data Needs Table and refine justification for the data needs we identified to ensure it is adequate. We will document team agreements on data priorities, as well as any areas in which the team cannot agree. (Areas of disagreement may need to be elevated for senior manager resolution.)

(will include a 30-45 minute lunch break)

3:00 Discuss **future Eco Team work session agendas** – *All*

Expected outcome:

- Make changes as needed.
- Agree on any necessary assignments to prepare for upcoming work sessions.

3:30 Discuss **other pressing Eco Team tasks** – *Eric leads*

- Update Benthic FSP negotiation
- Analytical prioritization of multiplate tissue samples

4:30 Adjourn

Future Eco Team Work Sessions and related meetings

November 1-2: Eco Team work session in Portland, DEQ NWR, 1st floor, room 1A (Tuesday 10-5, Wednesday 8 – 4:30)

- Finish direction to the LWG on the ERA approach
 - o Approach for developing BSAFs for clams, crayfish and sculpin
 - o Approach for assessing risk to the benthic community
 - o Scale of the ERA
 - o Approach for assessing risk in the riparian area – as part of this, we will finalize our definition of the riparian area and describe how this area should be assessed
 - o other areas of the ERA approach as identified by the group
- Agree on management goals/objectives to guide the ERA
- Begin prioritization of data needs table and refine justification for the data needs identified to ensure it is adequate
- Note: Develop justification for major changes made in the revised Eco CSM; refine justification for changes in Assessment Endpoint Table. *A small subgroup may be able to take a first crack at this on the Team's behalf.*
- Note: Break for November 2 conference call on PAHs from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

November 7: Eco Team work session in Portland DEQ NWR, 4th floor, room A/B, 10-5

- Finish prioritization of data needs
- Finalize direction to the LWG on the ERA
- What we want to see in the LWG's R2 Comprehensive Data Summary Report

November 8: conference call with Lyndel at 2:30 p.m.

November 9: Eco/CSM Integration meeting in Portland DEQ NWR, 4th floor, A/B, 8-3

Note: the next major meeting needs to be in Seattle

Future meetings:

- Food Web Model meeting
- Meeting with LWG to discuss key aspects of ERA direction from the government team

Eco Team Products – to be included in direction to LWG in mid-November

- Revised Assessment Endpoint Table, with justification for changes.
- Prioritized data needs table, with justification for each data need, description of how the need should be filled, and explanation of how the data will be used.
- Revised Ecological CSM, with justification for changes.
- Direction on the approach for key aspects of the ERA, with justification to provide rationale.
- Definition of the riparian area within the ISA, with justification to provide rationale and direction on how the riparian area should be assessed.
- Management objectives to guide the ERA to be added to the PH Workplan Appendix B, with justification explaining why the objectives need to be added and how they will affect the ERA.
- Revised Food Web Structures, with justification for the relatively minor changes made.